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Chairman William Kennard
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1919M Street, N.W.
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Re: CC Docket #98-141

Dear Chairman Kennard

I am writing in support of the merger between Ameritech and SBC Communications. As a consumer, the merger provides more product choices, new and improved services, competitive prices, increased technologies and convenience.

From both a personal and business point of view, an enhanced integrated mix of local, long distance, internet and high speed data services are anticipated. The merger offers customers the most advanced communications technology while promoting ease and the important attribute of convenience with a "one stop shopping" atmosphere.

In this global economy it is very important that we are able to communicate efficiently and effectively. Over the years, Ameritech and SBC Communications have provided excellent services to millions of people, together they can compete successfully as a domestic global powerhouse.

Ameritech is a company that cares about the people in the communities where they do business. For many years, Ameritech has given freely to support better and increased opportunities for underrepresented minorities to gain access to the best educational training. This merger is yet another opportunity to create new jobs and sustain contributions to worthy causes such as ours.

We value the partnership we have with Ameritech and encourage your support for the merger.

Sincerely

Phyllis Scott Buford
Chief Executive Officer

Cc: Commissioner Susan Ness
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Dear Mr. Kennard,

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I urge you to do all you can to block the merger of SBC/PacBell
with Ameritech.

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This merger will create a huge monopoly over up to 40% of the
nation's local phone lines. Monopoly control leads to higher prices for
consumers like me. I am also concerned that it will lead to poor service.

Please say NO to this merger and YES to real competition.

Sincerely,

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Dear Chairman Kennard:

I am communicating with you on behalf of the 500,000 members of the 300 Chicagoland union locals. We wish to inform the Federal Communications Commission that the Chicago Federation of Labor joins the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers and the Communication Workers of America in supporting the pending merger of SBC Corporation and Ameritech.

It is self-evident there will be continual consolidations, mergers and alliances in the rapidly changing world of telecommunications. What used to be distinct lines of business are converging to create companies with nationwide capabilities and offerings which we are convinced will increase consumer choices.

In contrast to other high profile mergers that are resulting in severe job reductions SBC/Ameritech has stated their objective is to grow the business nationally and to create eight thousand jobs. Both companies are creating good paying union jobs with good pension and health care benefits.

Locally, Ameritech has an outstanding reputation for civic and community involvement. The company is generous with its philanthropy just as its employees are generous with their volunteer time and expertise. There is no reason to assume the merged company will be any less a contributor to improving the quality of life for Illinois citizens. Indeed, SBC Chairman Ed Whitacre has provided such assurances in writing.

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We urge the Federal Communications Commission to approve the pending merger between SBC Corporation and Ameritech.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Don Turner", is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Don Turner
President

cc: Harold Furchtgott-Roth, Federal Communications Commission
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